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Office Action Summary

Application No.

08/973,210

Applicant(s)

LEIJON, MATS

Examiner

TUYEN T NGUYEN

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 and 36-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 and 36-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-33 and 36-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grimes et al. [US 5,455,551] in view of Elton et al. [US 4,853,565] and Takaoka et al. [US 5,094,703].

Grimes et al. in view of Elton et al. and Takaoka et al. discloses the claimed invention [see previous office action, paper #17, mailed 8/13/2001, paragraphs 7-8].

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 01/31/2002 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that:

[1] Grime et al.'s device is not a high voltage transformer;

[2] The disclosure of the invention taken as a whole precludes the necessity for a cooling liquid or insulating liquid. The present invention operates such that the outer layer of the cable is at or near ground potential. As such, an insulating liquid is not required;

[3] Nowhere in Elton et al. suggest that the described cable could be useful as the winding in the transformer;

[4] The cable of Elton et al. including a semiconducting pyrolyzed glass layer, once cure, the layer would be rigid and brittle; and

[5] In Takaoke, out strands are insulated whereas in the present application, the outer conductors are not insulated.

Examiner disagrees.

Regarding [1], as acknowledges by applicant, the transformer of Grimes operates at a voltage on the order of 10kV. In the specification of the present application, page 12, lines 31-21], applicant has disclosed that the transformer operates in voltage ranges from 3 to 4kV. Applicant merely claims [see preamble] a power transformer/reactor. Nowhere in the claims, applicant claims the “high voltage” power transformer/reactor.

Regarding [2], applicant has not claimed, nor has examiner considered, that the power transformer/reactor operates without the needs of insulating liquid or cooling liquid.

Regarding [3], examiner notes that the rejection is based upon using the cable in Elton et al. for the conductor disclosed in Grimes et al. for the purpose of reduced corona discharge.

Regarding [4], Elton et al.’s teaching[column 8, lines 3-9] that the semiconducting layer is a glass fiber which can be chopped, mixed with resin and molded, or blown on any complex shaped substrate [so that] the layer can be placed in intimate contact with substantially all of the exterior surface of the insulator or housing and substantially all voids therebetween are eliminated...” suggests that the semiconducting layer can be molded or blown onto a cable without causing cable rigidity.

Regarding [5], applicant has not claimed, nor has examiner considered, *the outer conductors* are not insulated.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TUYEN T NGUYEN whose telephone number is 703-308-0821. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ELVIN ENAD can be reached on 703-308-7619. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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